

# **QUALIFIED SWIMMING POOL WATER TREATMENT OPERATOR COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

*for Operation of NYS Swimming Pools and Recreational Aquatic Spray Grounds*

## **Fact Sheet – April 2012**

(Go to [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov) to view most current certification list)

A qualified swimming pool water treatment operator is required to maintain pools larger than 3,000 square feet in surface area, or pools disinfected using gas chlorine and all recreational aquatic spray ground facilities.

Qualified swimming pool water treatment operator certifications shall be valid for the time period specified by the certifying agency and must be maintained current.

The following are adequate courses of instruction regarding the safe and effective operation and maintenance of pool treatment equipment as specified in Section 6-1.2(l)(2) of Subpart 6-1 and Section 6-3.2(e) of Subpart 6-3 of the New York State Sanitary Code:

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Certification Title</b>
<b>American Swimming Pool and Spa Association</b>	Licensed Aquatic Facility Technician (LAFT)  Certificates indicating completion of an <b>on-line</b> or <b>hybrid</b> LAFT course are <b>not acceptable</b> .
<b>Association of Pool &amp; Spa Professionals</b>	Professional Pool and Spa Operator (PPSO)  APSP no longer offers the PPSO course. However, if an individual has the PPSO certification, it is valid for 5 years from date of issue.
<b>National Recreation and Park Association</b>	Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO)
<b>National Swimming Pool Foundation</b>	Certified Pool/Spa Operator (CPO)
<b>Starfish Aquatics Institute</b>	AquaTech
<b>YMCA</b>	Pool Operator on Location (POOL)

Course providers may submit course curriculum, text and certification information of other comparable courses for review and approval to:

New York State Department of Health  
Bureau of Community Environmental Health and Food Protection  
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